

Folder Organization

Play+ Application Folder Structure Guide 1. Philosophy: An Architecture That Breathes ■

The structure of our application is a direct reflection of our design philosophy. A clean, predictable, and scalable folder structure is essential for building applications that are a pleasure to maintain. It reduces cognitive load, streamlines collaboration, and ensures every developer knows exactly where to find what they need and where to put new code. This guide defines the official, opinionated folder structure for all Play+ applications, based on the actual implementation of the play-angular-seed project.

Core Principles ■ **Centralized System Layer:** All core Play+ helpers are initialized and exported from a top-level /system directory. All core files are prefixed with play. to create a clear visual distinction.

Centralized Configuration: All overridable config files for the Play+ helpers are housed under /config and follow the play.*.config.json convention. **Separation of Concerns:** Clear boundaries are drawn between features, UI components, configurations, utilities, and foundational system services.

Co-located Testing: Each test file lives alongside the file it tests, encouraging maintenance and discoverability.

2. Angular Folder Structure (Implemented) ■ This structure reflects the actual implementation of the play-angular-seed project, optimized for Angular applications built using Angular CLI with comprehensive Play+ integration.

play-angular-seed/.angular/ # Angular CLI cache and build artifacts ■■■ .github/ # CI/CD workflows

(pre-configured) ■■■ .husky/ # Pre-commit hooks (linting, testing) ■■■ .vscode/ # VS Code workspace settings ■■■ public/ # Static assets (favicon.ico) ■■■ reports/ # (GIT-IGNORED) Outputs from tests and audits ■ ■■■ linting-report/ # ESLint reports and

HTML generation ■ ■ ■■■ generate-lint-report.js ■ ■ ■■■ index.html ■ ■■■ performance/ # Lighthouse performance reports ■ ■ ■■■ generate-lighthouse-report.js ■ ■■■ state-management-report.html ■ ■■■ state-management-report.json ■■■ config/ #

Play+ helper configurations ■ ■■■ play.a11y.config.json ■ ■■■ play.api.config.json ■ ■■■ play.cache.config.json ■ ■■■ play.error.config.json ■ ■■■ play.feature.config.json ■ ■■■ play.guard.config.json ■ ■■■ play.log.config.json ■ ■■■ play.perf.config.json ■ ■■■ play.performance.config.json ■ ■■■ play.security.config.json ■■■ eslint-rules/ # Custom

ESLint rules ■ ■■■ play-state-rules.js ■■■ scripts/ # Build and utility scripts ■ ■■■

playtest-gen.js # Test generation utilities ■ ■■■ state-analysis.js ■■■ system/ #

Centralized Play+ framework layer ■ ■■■ api/ # API integration layer ■ ■ ■■■ api.proxy.ts # HTTP proxy and request handling ■ ■ ■■■ api.routes.ts # API route definitions ■ ■ ■■■

api.service.ts # Core API service ■ ■■■ cache/ # Caching system ■ ■ ■■■

cache.service.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ error/ # Error handling system ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ error.service.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
log/ # Logging system ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ log.service.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ index.ts # Main system exports ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
■ ■ ■ ■ ■ play.a11y.ts # Accessibility helper ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ play.a11y.service.ts # Angular service
wrapper ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ play.cache.ts # Caching helper ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ play.cache.service.ts # Angular
service wrapper ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ play.env.ts # Environment management ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ play.env.service.ts
Angular service wrapper ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ play.error.ts # Error handling helper ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
play.error.service.ts # Angular service wrapper ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ play.feature.ts # Feature flag helper
■ ■ ■ ■ ■ play.feature.service.ts # Angular service wrapper ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ play.guard.service.ts #
Guard service ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ play.log.ts # Logging helper ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ play.log.service.ts # Angular
service wrapper ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ play.perf.ts # Performance helper ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ play.perf.service.ts #
Angular service wrapper ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ play.security.ts # Security helper ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ .editorconfig # Editor
configuration ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ .eslintrc.json # ESLint configuration ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ .gitignore # Git ignore rules
■ ■ ■ ■ ■ .prettierrc # Prettier configuration ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ angular.json # Angular CLI configuration ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
karma.conf.js # Karma test runner configuration ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ package.json # Dependencies and
scripts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ tsconfig.app.json # TypeScript app configuration ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ tsconfig.json #
TypeScript base configuration ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ tsconfig.spec.json # TypeScript test configuration ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
src/ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ app/ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ components/ # Shared, presentational UI components ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ core/ #
Core logic and singleton services ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ services/ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ auth.interceptor.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
global-error-handler.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ directives/ # Custom Angular directives ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
accessibility.directive.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ feature-flag.directive.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ performance.directive.ts
■ ■ ■ ■ ■ features/ # Feature Modules (auth, etc.) ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ auth/ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ login/ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
guards/ # Route guards ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ auth.guard.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ play-feature.guard.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ lib/
Shared utility functions ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ utils.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ middleware/ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ pipes/ # Custom
Angular pipes ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ accessibility.pipe.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ feature-flag.pipe.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
performance.pipe.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ services/ # Application services ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ api.service.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
■ ■ ■ ■ ■ auth.service.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ config.service.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ index.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
playerror.service.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ playa11y.service.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ playcache.service.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
playfeature.service.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ playperf.service.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ product.service.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
user.service.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ testing/ # Testing utilities ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ index.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
play-testing.utils.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ types/ # Shared interfaces, enums ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ index.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
app.component.html ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ app.component.scss ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ app.component.spec.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
app.component.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ app.config.server.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ app.config.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
app.routes.server.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ app.routes.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ assets/ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ environments/ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ styles/ #
Design tokens and global styling ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ themes/ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ styles.scss ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ types/ # Global
TypeScript types ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ optional-modules.d.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ index.html ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ main.server.ts ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

main.ts ■■■■■ server.ts

4. Key Directory Explanations

■ Directory Purpose & Guidelines

docs/ Comprehensive project documentation including README files for each Play+ helper system (accessibility, caching, error handling, etc.). config/ User-overridable Play+ config files. Uses consistent play.*.config.json naming for clarity. Includes configurations for all Play+ systems.

components/ Pure presentational components (UI-only, no business logic). Examples: Button , ProductSearch , UserList . These are generic and reusable across features.

features/ Feature-sliced architecture. Each folder represents a feature (e.g., auth/). Encapsulates business logic, views, and state for that domain.

directives/ Custom Angular directives that extend HTML functionality. Examples: accessibility.directive.ts , feature-flag.directive.ts .

pipes/ Custom Angular pipes for data transformation. Examples: accessibility.pipe.ts , performance.pipe.ts .

guards/ Route guards for navigation control. Examples: auth.guard.ts , play-feature.guard.ts .

services/ Application-specific services that integrate with Play+ systems. Examples: auth.service.ts , product.service.ts .

core/ Core logic and singleton services. Includes global error handlers and interceptors.

lib/ Shared utility functions—formatters, validators, math utilities, etc.

system/ Core Play+ system files. Houses reusable helpers (e.g., play.error.ts) and adapters (e.g., api.service.ts). Do not place app logic here.

types/ Shared TypeScript interfaces, enums, and models used across multiple layers.

middleware/ Guard functions, HTTP interceptors, authorization logic, etc.

reports/ Git-ignored outputs from audits (e.g., Lighthouse), code coverage, linting reports, etc.

styles/ Theming and global design tokens. Includes themes/ folder for modular theme files.

testing/ Testing utilities and helpers specific to the application.

scripts/ Build and utility scripts for development workflow automation.

5. Play+ System Integration

■ System Layer (/system)

■ The system layer contains all core Play+ helpers and services:

- API Integration : api.proxy.ts , api.routes.ts , api.service.ts
- Caching : play.cache.ts , play.cache.service.ts
- Error Handling : play.error.ts , play.error.service.ts
- Feature Flags : play.feature.ts , play.feature.service.ts
- Logging : play.log.ts , play.log.service.ts
- Performance : play.perf.ts , play.perf.service.ts
- Accessibility : play.a11y.ts , play.a11y.service.ts
- Security : play.security.ts , play.guard.service.ts
- Environment : play.env.ts , play.env.service.ts

Configuration Layer (/config)

■ All Play+ systems have corresponding configuration files:

- play.a11y.config.json - Accessibility settings
- play.api.config.json - API configuration
- play.cache.config.json - Caching behavior
- play.error.config.json - Error handling rules
- play.feature.config.json - Feature flag settings
- play.guard.config.json - Route guard configuration
- play.log.config.json - Logging preferences
- play.perf.config.json - Performance monitoring
- play.performance.config.json - Performance budgets
- play.security.config.json - Security policies

Application Integration

■ The application layer integrates with Play+

systems through:

- Services : Application-specific services in /src/app/services/
- Directives : Custom directives in /src/app/directives/
- Pipes : Data transformation pipes in /src/app/pipes/
- Guards : Route protection in /src/app/guards/
- Core : Global handlers and interceptors in /src/app/core/

6. Test Strategy

- Play+ projects follow a test co-location strategy. This means that each test file lives directly alongside the file it tests.
- src/app/ components/
- button/ button.component.ts button.component.spec.ts
- button.component.scss
- services/ auth.service.ts auth.service.spec.ts
- app.component.ts app.component.spec.ts

Testing Infrastructure

- The project includes comprehensive testing setup:
- Karma/Jasmine : Angular testing framework
- Test Scripts : playtest , playtest:watch , playtest:gen
- Coverage : Code coverage reporting
- Testing Utils : /src/app/testing/ for shared testing utilities
- Benefits:
- Encourages test creation during development
- Makes test discovery intuitive
- Keeps test logic scoped and relevant
- Provides comprehensive coverage reporting

7. Build and Development Scripts

- The project includes comprehensive npm scripts for development workflow:
- Testing Scripts
- playtest - Run tests with coverage
- playtest:watch - Run tests in watch mode
- playtest:gen - Generate test files
- Linting Scripts
- playlint - Run ESLint
- playlint:fix - Fix ESLint issues
- playlint:report:html - Generate HTML lint report
- Performance Scripts
- perf:monitor - Bundle analysis
- perf:lighthouse - Lighthouse performance audit
- perf:lighthouse:html - HTML performance report
- perf:budget - Performance budget checking
- Formatting Scripts
- format - Format code with Prettier
- format:check - Check code formatting
- Report Serving
- serve:lint-report - Serve linting reports
- serve:perf-report - Serve performance reports

9. Development Workflow

- Pre-commit Hooks
- Husky : Pre-commit hooks for linting and testing
- ESLint : Code quality enforcement
- Prettier : Code formatting consistency
- Code Quality
- ESLint : Comprehensive linting rules
- Custom Rules : eslint-rules/play-state-rules.js
- Prettier : Consistent code formatting
- TypeScript : Strict type checking
- Performance Monitoring
- Lighthouse CI :
- Automated performance audits
- Bundle Analysis : Webpack bundle analyzer
- Performance Budgets : Automated budget checking
- Reporting
- Linting Reports : HTML reports for code quality
- Performance Reports : Lighthouse performance reports
- Coverage Reports : Test coverage analysis
- Summary

■ The Play+ folder structure is designed for clarity, consistency, and maintainability. It embodies our design philosophy by drawing strong lines between app logic, reusable elements, and core system capabilities.

Key Features of the Implemented Structure:

- Centralized System Layer : All Play+ helpers in /system/
- Comprehensive Configuration : All configs in /config/
- Feature-Based Organization : Clear separation of concerns
- Testing Co-location : Tests alongside source files
- Documentation-First : Comprehensive docs in /docs/
- Performance Monitoring : Built-in performance tooling
- Code

Quality : Automated linting and formatting Reporting : HTML reports for all audits This guide should be treated as the canonical structure across all Play+ applications, enabling seamless onboarding, developer velocity, and architectural integrity. The structure breathes with your application, growing and adapting as your needs evolve while maintaining the core principles that make Play+ applications a joy to work with.

```
play-angular-seed/
  .angular/                      # Angular CLI cache and build artifacts
  .github/                        # CI/CD workflows (pre-configured)
  .husky/                         # Pre-commit hooks (linting, testing)
  .vscode/                        # VS Code workspace settings
  public/                          # Static assets (favicon.ico)

  reports/                         # (GIT-IGNORED) Outputs from tests and audits
    linting-report/                # ESLint reports and HTML generation
    generate-lint-report.js
    index.html
    performance/                  # Lighthouse performance reports
    generate-lighthouse-report.js
    state-management-report.html
    state-management-report.json

  config/                          # Play+ helper configurations
    play.ally.config.json
    play.api.config.json
    play.cache.config.json
    play.error.config.json
    play.feature.config.json
    play.guard.config.json
    play.log.config.json
    play.perf.config.json
    play.performance.config.json
    play.security.config.json

  eslint-rules/                   # Custom ESLint rules
  play-state-rules.js

  scripts/                         # Build and utility scripts
  playtest-gen.js                  # Test generation utilities
  state-analysis.js

  system/                          # Centralized Play+ framework layer
    api/                            # API integration layer
    api.proxy.ts                   # HTTP proxy and request handling
    api.routes.ts                  # API route definitions
    api.service.ts                 # Core API service
    cache/                          # Caching system
    cache.service.ts
    error/                          # Error handling system
    error.service.ts
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    log/                      # Logging system
      log.service.ts
      index.ts                 # Main system exports
      play.ally.ts             # Accessibility helper
      play.ally.service.ts     # Angular service wrapper
      play.cache.ts            # Caching helper
      play.cache.service.ts    # Angular service wrapper
      play.env.ts               # Environment management
      play.env.service.ts      # Angular service wrapper
      play.error.ts             # Error handling helper
      play.error.service.ts    # Angular service wrapper
      play.feature.ts           # Feature flag helper
      play.feature.service.ts  # Angular service wrapper
      play.guard.service.ts    # Guard service
      play.log.ts               # Logging helper
      play.log.service.ts      # Angular service wrapper
      play.perf.ts              # Performance helper
      play.perf.service.ts     # Angular service wrapper
      play.security.ts          # Security helper

    .editorconfig                # Editor configuration
    .eslintrc.json               # ESLint configuration
    .gitignore                   # Git ignore rules
    .prettierrc                  # Prettier configuration
    angular.json                 # Angular CLI configuration
    karma.conf.js                # Karma test runner configuration
    package.json                 # Dependencies and scripts
    tsconfig.app.json            # TypeScript app configuration
    tsconfig.json                # TypeScript base configuration
    tsconfig.spec.json           # TypeScript test configuration

  src/
    app/
      components/               # Shared, presentational UI components
      core/                     # Core logic and singleton services
        services/
        auth.interceptor.ts
        global-error-handler.ts
      directives/                # Custom Angular directives
        accessibility.directive.ts
        feature-flag.directive.ts
        performance.directive.ts
      features/                  # Feature Modules (auth, etc.)
        auth/
          login/
      guards/                    # Route guards
        auth.guard.ts
        play-feature.guard.ts
      lib/                       # Shared utility functions
        utils.ts
      middleware/
      pipes/                     # Custom Angular pipes
        accessibility.pipe.ts
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    ■   ■     ■■■ feature-flag.pipe.ts
    ■   ■     ■■■ performance.pipe.ts
    ■     ■■■ services/          # Application services
    ■     ■■■ api.service.ts
    ■     ■■■ auth.service.ts
    ■     ■■■ config.service.ts
    ■     ■■■ index.ts
    ■     ■■■ playerror.service.ts
    ■     ■■■ playally.service.ts
    ■     ■■■ playcache.service.ts
    ■     ■■■ playfeature.service.ts
    ■     ■■■ playperf.service.ts
    ■     ■■■ product.service.ts
    ■     ■■■ user.service.ts
    ■     ■■■ testing/          # Testing utilities
    ■     ■■■ index.ts
    ■     ■■■ play-testing.utils.ts
    ■     ■■■ types/            # Shared interfaces, enums
    ■     ■■■ index.ts
    ■     ■■■ app.component.html
    ■     ■■■ app.component.scss
    ■     ■■■ app.component.spec.ts
    ■     ■■■ app.component.ts
    ■     ■■■ app.config.server.ts
    ■     ■■■ app.config.ts
    ■     ■■■ app.routes.server.ts
    ■     ■■■ app.routes.ts
    ■■■ assets/
    ■■■ environments/
    ■■■■■ styles/             # Design tokens and global styling
    ■     ■■■ themes/
    ■     ■■■■■ styles.scss
    ■■■■■ types/              # Global TypeScript types
    ■     ■■■■■ optional-modules.d.ts
    ■■■■■ index.html
    ■■■■■ main.server.ts
    ■■■■■ main.ts
    ■■■■■ server.ts

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src/app/
■■■■■ components/
■     ■■■■■ button/
■     ■■■■■■■ button.component.ts
■     ■■■■■■■ button.component.spec.ts
■     ■■■■■■■ button.component.scss
■■■■■ services/
■     ■■■■■ auth.service.ts
■     ■■■■■ auth.service.spec.ts
■■■■■ app.component.ts
    app.component.spec.ts

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